

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 276
By Burchett

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mrs. Montana Butts Jones on receiving "A Tribute to A Phenomenal Woman" from the Missionaries of the Tennessee Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Montana Butts Jones, who is being honored in "A Tribute to A Phenomenal Woman" by the Missionaries of the Tennessee Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion (A.M.E. Zion) Church for her tireless work throughout Knoxville and the surrounding areas helping young people and encouraging them to continue their education; she expertly spearheads several outreach ministries during the year to reach out to those in need, regardless of race, religion, or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, she graduated from Elizabeth City State University with a degree in Elementary Education; Montana B. Jones received her Masters degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Tennessee and her EDS from Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, during her educational career, Mrs. Jones taught at Beardsley Middle School and Eastport Elementary School. She served meritoriously as the Assistant Principal at South Doyle High School and Austin East High School and as the building level Principal at Vine Middle Magnet School; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her exemplary outreach work and her many responsibilities within her community, Mrs. Jones serves with distinction as President of the Missionary Society

for the Knoxville-Maryville District of the A.M.E. Zion Church and as Director of Project Grad/Urban Schools; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Mrs. Jones won the prestigious Principal of the Year award in 2000, and she is also a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Montina Butts Jones is most grateful for the loving companionship she shares with her husband, Reverend Dr. Vincent M. Jones, Sr., their two children Jackie and Vincent , Jr., and their two grandchildren, Jaylan and Montina; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Montina Jones epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Montina Jones for her dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Montina Butts Jones for being honored through “A Tribute to a Phenomenal Woman” by the Missionaries of the Tennessee Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church, thank her for her meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.